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DIRECTIVE STATES MIGRATION TO BE VOLUNTARY;
REPATRIATION FROM SOOCHOW, TIEN-TSIN CONTINUES

MINISTRY ISSUED DIRECTIVE -- Hsin Su-chou Pao, 19 Apr 50

The Ministry of the Interior of the Central government has issued a directive on migration and rehabilitation of famine sufferers.

Basically, the directive states that all population movement under this program shall be voluntary. Unless it is evident that it will be impossible to cultivate a flood-devastated area within the next 2 or 3 years, the inhabitants should be urged to stay on and produce for self-help.

Where changes must be made, however, the people should, so far as possible, move in organized groups under leadership. For ordinary cases, under the heading of general aid, one fourth of the railroad fare needed may be provided by the authorities. In cases of special hardship, a food allowance may be provided for the journey of not more than one catty of millet per person per day.

Where individuals must travel alone, the authorities should provide them with an identification document which will entitle them to the above-mentioned preferential treatment on the railroads.

REPATRIATES IDLERS -- Hsin Su-chou Pao, 16 Apr 50

Soochow -- On 13 April, some 34 idlers and unemployed who were confined to the Soochow Labor-Production Education Institute to learn production techniques were sent back to their former place of abode to participate in production activities.

The repatriates, the second such group to leave the institute, drifted from northern Kiangsu and northern Anhwei to Soochow. The first group of 71 persons was repatriated on 25 March 1950.

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844 LEAVE TIENSIN FOR CHAHAR -- Tientsin Chin-pu Jih-pao, 16 Apr 50

Tientsin -- The third group of 844 persons left Tientsin by rail on 16 April 1950 to pursue production activities in northern Chahar. The internal migration officials, who accompanied the first group to Chahar, returned to Tientsin on 14 April.

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